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Your Sun City Republican Club Newsletter .



MEET THE 2025 Board Members :

From left to right:

Front Row : Diane Lesh– VP- Membership, Bonnie Swartz– Outreach , Dixsie Noble– Hospitality, Elaine Meckler-VP– Programs.

Back Row: Gene Edwards– Treasurer, Ray Brunner– Webmaster, Rocky Stone-Parliamentarian, Pete Juhasz– Communications , Bill Harron– President.

Not in picture: Anne Marshall– Publicity ,Doreen Oswaks-Secretary, Matt Lindemann/ Kevin Wilkie– Sgt. At Arms

"We are here to serve our members and the Sun City community!"



COMMUNICATIONS

Please enjoy the first edition of the Sun City Republican Club newsletter. We aim to provide timely, useful, and accurate information about club activities and local political endeavors that affect our members. Feel free to contact the board with suggestions for content or topics you would like to see included in future publications at resetx@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Pete Juhasz

Communications Director



FROM THE PRESIDENT- BILL HARRON

of hours.

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elections, is now recognized as a Committed Conservative Force.

Ready to do what must be done to win

helped keep Williamson County RED.

calls by the thousands, election work-

ers from the Club working hundreds

We will continue to do what must be

done to uphold our Conservative Val-

elections. The Sun City Republican

Club Election Army mobilized and

The effort was outstanding: Block walking to hundreds of homes, phone

Presidents Vision for 2025:

We stand Committed to the pursuit of Conservative values:

Individual Freedom.

Limited Government.

The Rule of Law.

Peace through Strength.

Fiscal Responsibility

Free Markets

Human Dignity

The Sun City Republican Club, because of your hard work in the 2024

Texas 89th Legislative Session

The 89th Texas Legislative Session is set to begin on January 14, 2025, and will run until June 2, 2025. Here are some key points to expect:

School Vouchers: Governor Greg Abbott has indicated that school vouchers, or "school choice," will be a top priority. This program would allow parents to use taxpayer dollars for private and parochial schooling.

Border Security: There are plans to establish a "Texas Department of Homeland Security" to prevent illegal entry into the state and deport undocumented immigrants. This includes mandatory fines and jail time for those who assist illegal entry.

Voting Rights: There will be discussions on expanding access to voter registration and voting, including online voter registration and vote-by-mail access for people with disabilities.

Legislative Leadership: The Texas House will elect a new Speaker, with David Cook and Dustin Burrows as the main contenders. Congratulations to representative Burrows for achieving the majority vote to become Speaker for the 89th Legislative Session.

Budget: The state's two-year budget will be a critical item, with public hearings already conducted to gather input from state agencies and public universities.

These are just a few highlights of what to expect during the session. If you have any specific areas of interest, feel free to ask!

Note: If you are interested in following certain bills being presented in Austin then please go to the next page for useful links.



February Guest Speaker



STEPHEN O. FOUGHT

Topic : "Opportunities for Service"

SUN CITY EXPERIENCE •

Member, Sun City Board of Directors (2023-2024), Member and VP (2010 -2013) • Neighborhood Representative Organization, Secretary (2007 -2010) • Nominating Committee, Vice Chair (2008-2010)

GEORGETOWN EXPERIENCE • City Council Representative, District 4 (2013 – 2022)

Georgetown Water Utility Board (2023 - Present)

 Georgetown Economic Development Corporation (GEDCO) Member (2013 -2022) Vice President (2014), President (2015) • General Government and Finance Advisory Board (GGAF), Member (2013), Chair (2014) • Georgetown Utility System Board, Member (2014 - 2022) • Citizen Member, Georgetown General Government and Finance subcommittee (2011-2013) • Citizen Member, Georgetown City Council Compensation Committee (2012). • Citizen Member, Citizen Task Force - Public Safety Bond (2011). • Graduate, Georgetown Citizen Academy (2010). PRIOR LIFE (Academic, Military and Community Volunteer Experience) • Professor Emeritus and Dean of Academics (Air War College 1999-2006) • Professor, Course Director, Director of Electives, Forrest Sherman Chair of Public Diplomacy (Naval War College, 1983-1998) • Retired USAF (B-52 Pilot) • Better Business Bureau Volunteer Arbitrator and Mediator (25 years, RI, AL, TX) • Numerous Non-Profit Boar EDUCATION AND **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS** • Ph.D. (Brown University), MS (University of Southern California), BS (GA Tech) • Pilot, Multi-engine, Instrument. • Graduate, Harvard Program on Negotiations • Certified Better Business Bureau Arbitrator/Mediate • Certified (Federal) EEO Counsell

HELPFUL LINKS

The links below will give you access to TLO or the Texas Legislation online. You will be able to follow bills through the process. There is also a link for public



comments to make your voice heard during the session. Please check them out !

<u>Texas Legislation Online</u> <u>Legiscan –Search for Bills online</u> <u>Texas State Legislators</u> State House Public Comment

CLUB INFORMATION

Please renew your membership by 2/15/2025. Link to RCSC Website

NOTE: Ticket sales for monthly dinner meetings are available each month on the <u>first busi-</u> <u>ness day of the month. Please purchase your</u> <u>tickets early as they sell out quickly.</u> Link is provided . <u>TICKET SALES</u>

We are looking into trying to ZOOM the monthly meetings to accommodate more members in the future. We could use a few more volunteers to test this approach. If you are interested please reply here <u>LINK</u>

WE WON !! Donald J. Trump is our 47th President .

The Sun City Republican Club hosted an Inauguration Social at Mulligans on Jan. 20th to view the event.







BRR.. IT WAS COLD ,BUT ...

Nearly 120 of our brave members faced the bitter temperature and came to Mulligans for a historic celebration of our Republic. Food , fun and laughs were had by all and of course ,we all were excited to see our country get back to normal !

Bye-Bye Brandon !!













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Bonnie Swartz is the Outreach director. This is a new position approved by the board to engage local businesses with the Sun City Republican Club.

Diane Lesh is the Membership Director for our club.



"We will continue to do what must be done to uphold our Conservative Values"

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Republican Club of Sun City Texas

Sun City Resident - Annual Date: December 31, 2025

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It is time to

OUTREACH

The first non-profits I will be working with for partnership are:

1. Kiwanis Club

2. CASA of Georgetown/ Williamson County

3. Boys and Girls Club of Georgetown

4. BIG organization

5. Hope Alliance

These organizations can work with our club to become involved with their volunteer programs.

We are not discussing anything to do with politics or donations.

My motto to them is

"Help us, help you "

Thank you,

Bonnie





Active

v 15. 2021



We are pleased to see our membership growing, though there are a few members who need to

renew. I will be sending out an email to make that process quick and simple. See the example form below. It has me as a green Active

member, expired members would see a red Expired sign. After February 15, we will be purging the membership of expired members, so don't hesitate to renew.

Sample email here







Gene Edwards—RCSC Treasurer



TREASURER

I will try to pass on helpful information to members each month. This month I will cover making reservations for our monthly meetings. Hopefully, this will help you plan ahead and be ready to pull the trigger when tickets go on sale.

Tickets go on sale on the first <u>business day</u> of each month at 9:00 AM, unless the 1st falls on a weekend or holiday. Whatever method you use to keep track of your daily schedule and important events (cell phone, iPad, computer or paper calendar), you should add this date as a reminder.

Tickets can be purchased on the SCTXCA website or at the CA customer service desk at 2 Texas Drive. The easiest way to purchase tickets is online at CA Ticket Sales. You can use the Sun City App or log onto the CA website and go to TICKETS. The other option is to purchase them at the customer service desk; plan to be there at 9:00 AM when tickets go on sale because we can sell out in as quickly as one or two hours. We have 1,000 members, and we are limited to 38 tables (380 chairs) plus our overflow seating. I do my best to accommodate everyone who wants to attend; but once we fill the 380 seats at the 38 tables, we cannot sell any more meal tickets.

When you are ready to purchase tickets, make sure you have all the information you are going to need - names, meal choices, and your credit card. Once you select the number of tickets and meals on the first page and click continue, you have 15 minutes before the program times out. The next pages are your information as purchaser and for individual ticket holders. The last page is for your credit card information – BE READY.



PLEASE take the time to spell each ticket holder's name correctly; start names with a capital letter and finish with lower case. We make your adhesive name badges from the data you provide, and we have to correct each error. If you have a hyphenated name or put a middle initial in front of your last name, EXCEL will sort your name alphabetically under the first letter, not your last name. We must go through 400 first and last names before printing name badges. If we miss an error, we have to remake that name badge. When you purchase tickets at the customer service desk, make sure you give them



the names for each ticket holder It is time-consuming when I have to call to get the correct information. If you know you made an error, a call, text or email would be greatly appreciated. I hope this information helps you streamline your ticket purchases.